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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**For: EGF RECEPTOR TRANSACTIVATION BY G-PROTEIN COUPLED
RECEPTORS REQUIRES METALLOPROTEINASE CLEAVAGE OF pro-HB-
EGF**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the United States Patent
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 16, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.